GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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AIR TRANSMITTER IN AIJWAL
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints that the transmitters of AIR Aijwal in Mizoram is of low power, and the public living in the far-off and remote areas are unable to listen to the bulletin/programmes transmitted by AIR;

(b) whether it has also been complained that the public living in the far-off and remote areas have no alternative but to listen to Radio Rangoon/DACCA, because of non- audibility of AIR;

(c) if so, reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a), (b) & (c) : Prasar Bharati has informed that 59.56% of area and 73.27% of population in Mizoram is presently technically covered by MW and FM radio signals. However, short wave signals of the 10 KW Short Wave transmitter at AIR Aizwal are technically available in the entire state.

(d) : In order to further strengthen the radio coverage in Mizoram, three new radio stations are proposed to be set-up under the North-East Special package (Phase-II) in the 10th Five Year Plan, which is yet to be approved by the Competent Authority. These stations are at :

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Champhai    -  1/5 KW FM
Tuipang      -  1/5 KW FM
Kolasib       -  1/5 KW FM
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10 low power FM transmitters in Mizoram are also proposed to be installed under the above mentioned North East Special Package (Phase-II).

Besides, a 6 KW FM transmitter with stereo facilities at AIR Aizwal is technically ready, and awaiting sanction of Operation & Maintenance Staff for commissioning.